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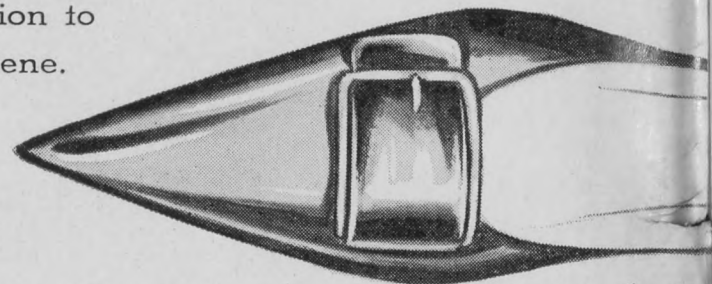
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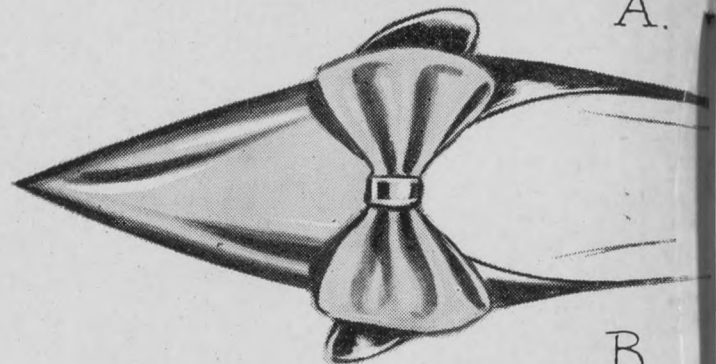
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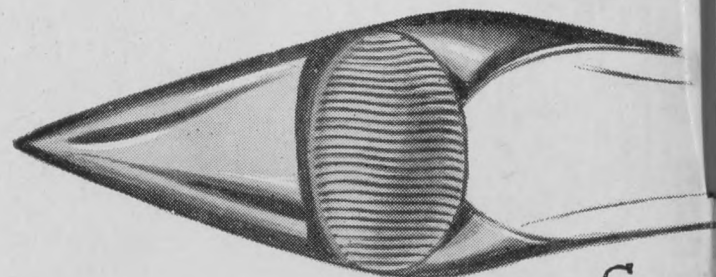
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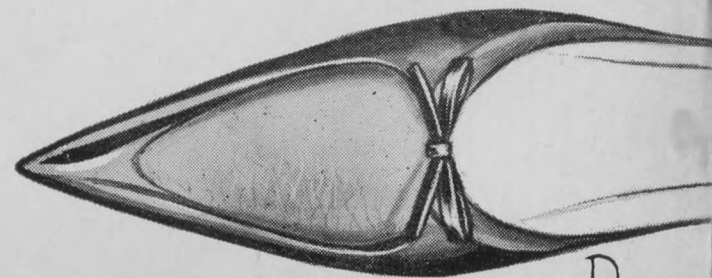
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As Potentate of Khartum Temple, I wish to express our thanks to the hundreds of advertisers who have made this programme possible, also to those whose subscriptions make it possible for us to entertain the underprivileged — if you could see their bright and cheerful faces during the performance, it would do your heart good—again, I say “thank you.”

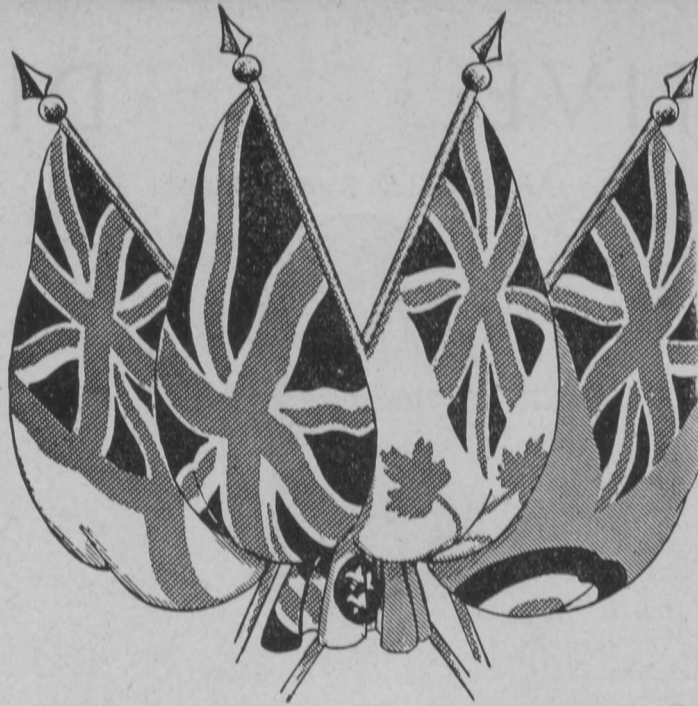
Then to our Circus Manager, Committee Chairmen, Officers and Members of the Units and all the other Nobles who have worked so hard to make this Circus a big success, by their individual efforts, parades at opening of Circus, selling programmes and Novelties, ushering, assisting in getting our underprivileged seated and in many other ways. True, they get their reward by way of satisfaction, in seeing what the Shrine is accomplishing, but on such an occasion a little extra is appreciated, so I say “thank you” one and all.

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They have each filled a definite place in a Great Plan.

These builders of Khartum are our Past Potentates.

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Front row—left to right: P. L. Kaminsky, N. B. Reid, W. G. Curran, B. M. Dowling, L. B. Figgins, F. J. Ashmore.

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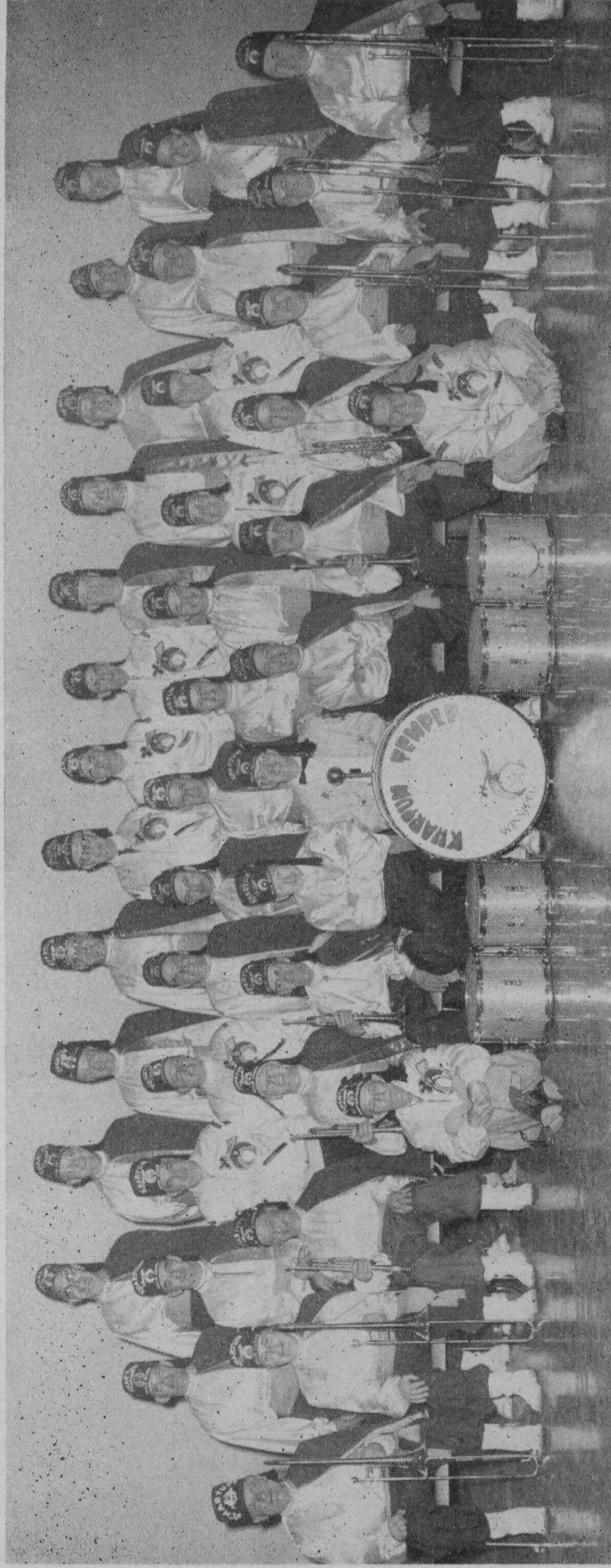
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# Khartum Temple Drum and Bugle Corps



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2nd row—left to right: A. Metcalfe, D. Hamilton, C. Major, K. Chick, B. Timbers, M. Koltek, J. Rice, F. Cruse, F. Bell, H. Stewart, R. Robertson, T. Kochanski, J. Sampson.

1st row—left to right: R. Cawston, W. Smith, J. Newman, A. Wasden, C. Gale, J. Scott, J. Dowker, H. McArton, J. Ferguson, A. Burton, J. Mitchell, B. Brown, C. Leckie, H. Edwards, F. Coward.

Missing from photo: J. Warriner, R. McKibbin, C. Harris, M. McKnight, H. Bishop, W. Jervis, E. Jordan, F. Johnston, G. Collins, T. Edmondson.

The Drum and Bugle Corps is one of the older of the uniformed peppy music probably accounts for the fine displays they give and units in Khartum Temple and is the spark plug of many Shrine activities the Esprit de Corps.

The men that formed the nucleus of the Orchestra and Pipe band were drawn from this unit. The beat of the Drums and the always leads the band to a colorful and exciting performance. James Dowker, the Midwest Shrine Champion drum major,



# Khartum Temple Shrine Pipe Band



Third row—left to right: Ken Day, Cy Ramsay, Jim Williamson, Wilson Rattray, J. Johnson.

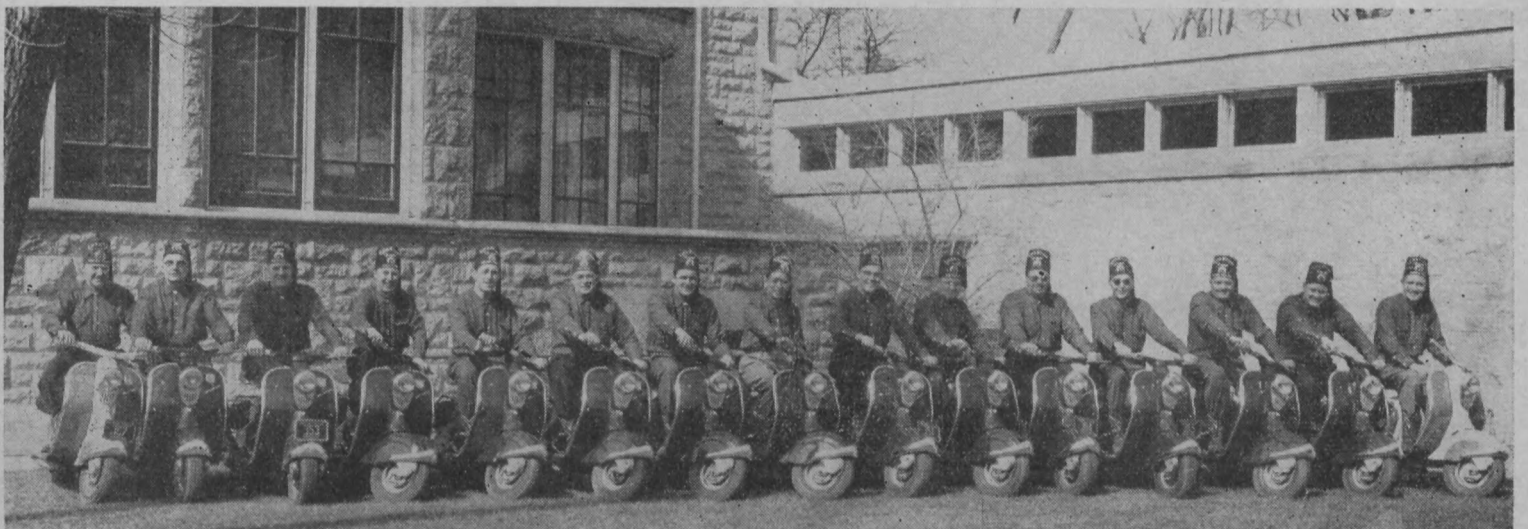
Second row—left to right: Jack Raey, Ernie Wareham.

First row—left to right: Bert MacDonald, Harvey Patton, Murray Dick, Ken MacDonald, Keith MacDonald, Duff Roblin, Earl MacDonald, Hector Bain.

Missing from Picture—Harry Matthews, Stan Hamilton, Ken Stuebing, Glen Hamilton, Norman McLeod, Rod Copeland, Howard Maltby.



# Khartum Temple Shrine Scooter Patrol



Left to right—Merv Moxley, George Wilson, Bill Swanson, Wally Thiessen, Art Parker, Bert Johnson, Keith Pearce, Gilbert Lee, Jack Fearnside, Tom Whiteside, Cy Brooks, Aet Yates, Staten Stewart, Bill Byman, Jock Rolls.



# Khartum Temple Shrine Orchestra



Back row—left to right: Bob Koston, Dr. Earl Stephenson, Chas. Herald, Hugh Forshaw, Bill Aldrich, Bill Scott.

Front row—left to right: Clare Pybus, Gordon Wellwood, Walter Stevens, Tom Lawson, Bob Currie.

Missing from photo—Ray Williams, Doc Cecil Taylor, Sid Bowman, Dave Berry.

Here is a peppy little orchestra that really gets around. They play anything, anywhere, anytime from entertaining the "cons" at Stony Mountain Pen. to the old folks home. Originally organized by Geo. Douglas who retired last year after five years the band is now under the direction of "Bud" Currie. Playing and entertaining at meetings, concerts, hospitals, etc., the group is in great demand at all times and is a very real and valued asset of Khartum Temple.

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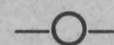
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The Shrine is an ancient Arabic order instituted by Mohammedan Kalif Alu, son-in-law of the Prophet Mohammed, in the year 744 A.D. at Mecca, in Arabia. The order was organized to promote religious tolerance, to succor and aid the poor and needy of all races and creeds, and down through the ages its work continues.

The order was brought to North America in 1872 by William Florence and Dr. Walter M. Fleming, and the first meeting of record was held in Masonic Hall, September 26 of that year when thirteen charter members formally established "New York Temple No. One," which shortly was changed to "Mecca Temple," in accordance with the resolution that all Temples should be known by Arabic or Egyptian names.

This was not, however, the first meeting, for on June 16, 1871, thirteen men met in Masonic Hall and there decided upon the formation of the Order, and the original ritual, in the handwriting of Dr. Walter M Fleming, one of its founders, bears the legend:

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"Written August, 1879, for the Establishment of the Order in the Western Hemisphere."

Actually the idea of such an Order was first conceived in the old Knickerbocker Cottage on Sixth Avenue, near the corner of Twenty-eighth Street, New York.

This resort was a favorite place of congregation with actors and it was natural that membership in one or the other of the higher bodies should be made the prerequisite, and in America membership is limited to those who are either Knights Templar or Thirty-second Degree Masons of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

In addition to these two founders the original thirteen Charter Members include Sherwood C. Campbell, James S. Chappell, Oswald Merle d'Aubigne, Edward Eddy, Charles T. McClenachan, George W. Millar, John A. Moore, Albert P. Moriarty, William S. Patterson, Daniel Sickels and John W. Simons, all of whom were well known in their professions.

Upon the formation of Mecca Temple, the Order was communicated to prominent Masons who visited New York, with the suggestion that they form Temples in their own communities.

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There are now 160 Temples, all of which are in the United States and Canada except those in Mexico City, and Canal Zone and Honolulu.

### *Did You Know That . . .*

A CANAL was used in 329 B.C. instead of CAGES, as a safety measure against the wild animals in the arena? This ten foot wide canal was built during the rule of Julius Caesar, who ordered the circus grounds improved and several buildings and horse stalls erected. Nero later had the canal filled when the animal exhibits were discontinued.

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One of the most thrilling and really breathtaking acts at this year's Shrine Circus, is a trapeze act featuring Les Geraldo's.

A husband and wife team, in real life, they work from double trapezes hung side by side. Back and forth they swing, keeping perfect time with the music.

Then, suddenly, Madeleine will dangle perilously from the trapeze bar, supporting Rene, with feet entangled. It's quite a feat, since her husband weighs about 15 pounds more than she.

To see them perform, it's hard to believe that once both of them were hospitalized for nearly a year, after a fall. That happened in 1949 in Baltimore. The two fell from a trapeze 45 feet off the ground. Each broke numerous bones and the pair spent nearly a year in the hospital. Then they took a year off to recuperate.

However, they returned to the circus and their act, taking time out only when their son, Marcel, was born.

The accident now is almost forgotten. "We do not think about it," Madeleine said.

The two aerialists are veteran performers. Born in Paris, they have traveled extensively throughout Central Europe with circuses. Madeleine has been with one or another for 18 years; her husband for nearly 21.

How did they meet? Rene needed a new partner and Madeleine applied. Simple as that. They worked together for nearly a year; then they were married.

Marcel, who won't be five until February, already has been up on the flying trapeze, but his parents do not plan to force him into the work in any way. They plan to let him do what he wants to do.

Quick and agile, Marcel is a bright youngster. To his parents he always speaks in French, but when talking to others, he automatically starts off in English.

The trapeze act takes only seven minutes. The rest of the day is spent in preparation. There are costumes to be made and repaired, food to be cooked, clothes to be ironed, and washing to do. Somedays it means travelling in their trailer-truck with all of their equipment.

They usually practise an hour or two each day, depending on how they feel.

Right now the trio's home is a 27 foot trailer, equipped with a television set, and a Spitz dog named "Coquette." At one time they also traveled with a bird, two fish and three cats.

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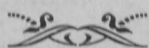


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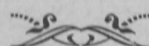
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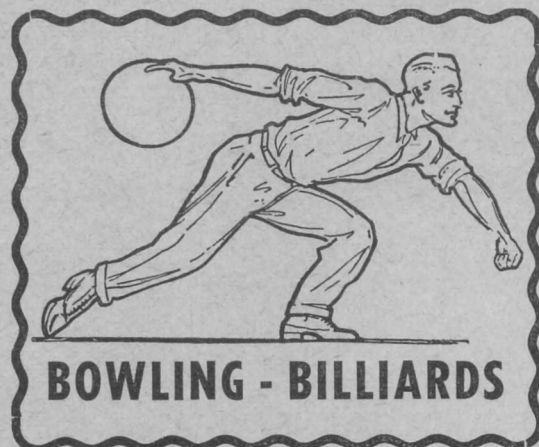
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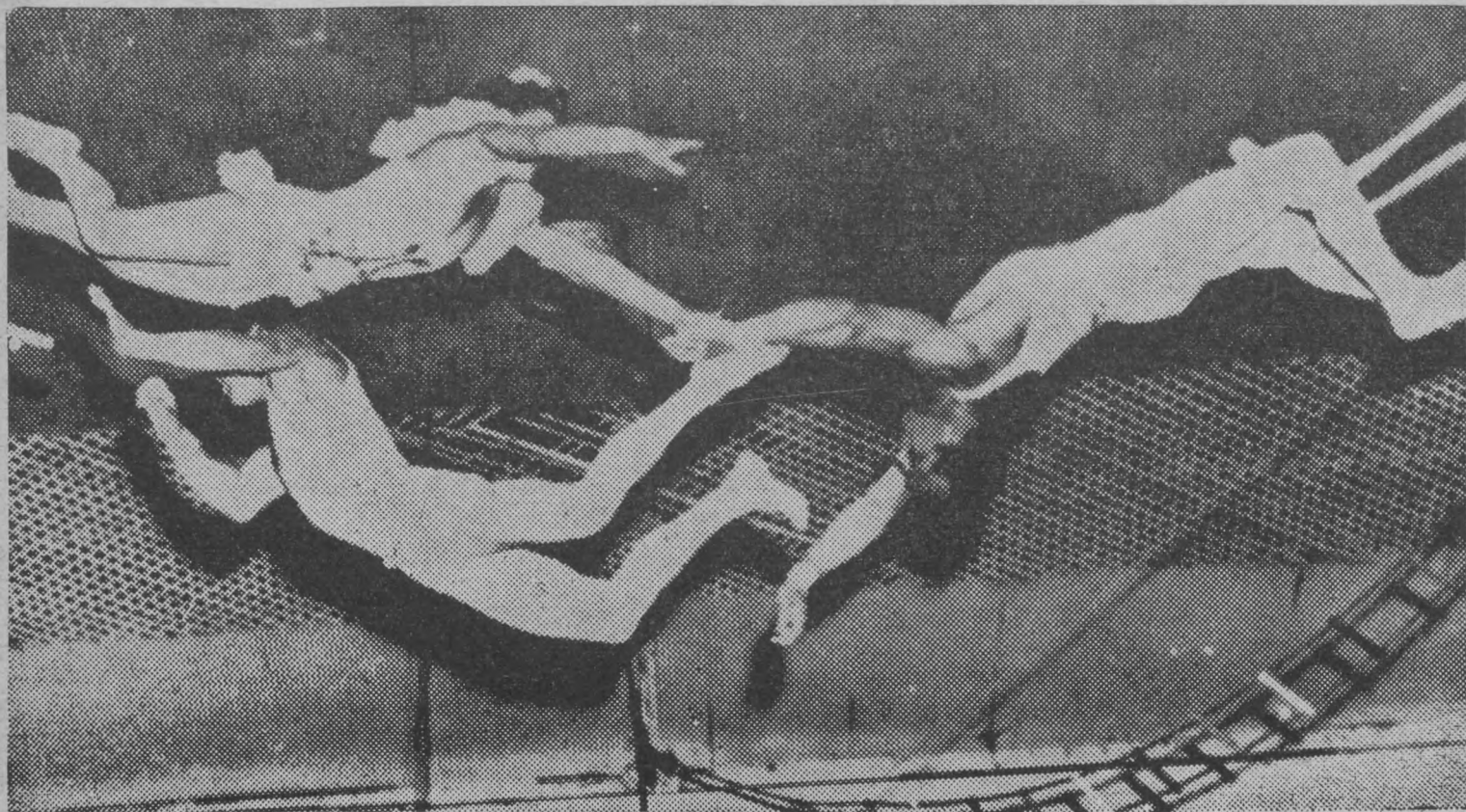
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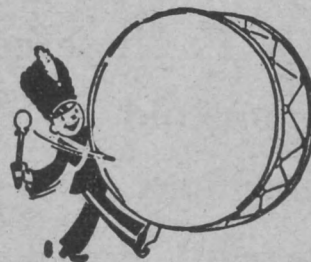
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Mecca lies in a deep, barren, long, narrow valley some seventy miles from the Arabian Red Sea port of Judah—a city of 80,000 Mohammedans with little means of support except from supplying transportation, lodging and necessities for the half-million pilgrims who come yearly to worship at the birth-place of Mohammed. The city is some two miles long and less than one-quarter mile wide, built of three and four-story houses, capable of housing three times the normal population.

It has no manufacturing, little trade, and exists because of the only public building of any importance, the Holy Mosque, or House of Allah, its doors being coated with silver, embellished with gold ornaments, in which rests the celebrated Black Stone, said to have been brought by the Angel Gabriel and given to Abraham. The Holy Well of Zem Zem, said to have been found in the desert by Hagar where her son Ishmael was dying of thirst, supplies the city with water for drinking and ablution.

Mohammed was born here in 569 A.D. At the age of forty he began receiving "revelations" and soon proclaimed himself the Phophet. His teachings were mostly memorized and broadcast verbally, until

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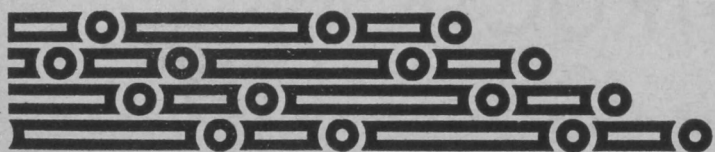


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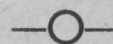
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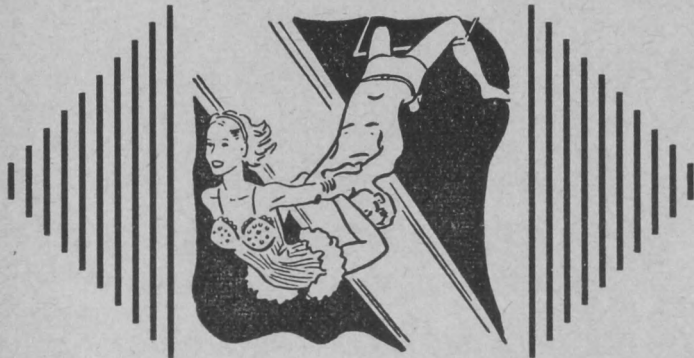


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Every true Mohammedan hopes during his lifetime to visit the Holy Land of Arabia and do homage at Mecca, the birthplace of the Prophet Mohammed, "if finances permit" — and caravans trek from the north and west coast of Africa. Thousands come for extended stays of preparation and prayers during the month of Dhabhadjz (late June and July), when the facilities of the city are solely overtaxed. Nearly all the required supplies of food, clothing and smart novelties must be brought from the outside by caravan.

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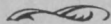
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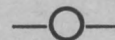
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In the winter of 1859 Leotard arrived in Paris and appeared at the Cirque Napoleon. He was twenty-one years old and he was making 500 francs a day. He became such a furore that everything was named after him or had to be a la Leotard. Gradually the number of trapezes that he used was increased until on one of his appearances at Cremorne, he used five in a line, turning single somersaults from trapeze to trapeze. Ten years later at the height of his success he was suddenly stricken and died of smallpox while appearing in Spain.

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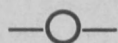
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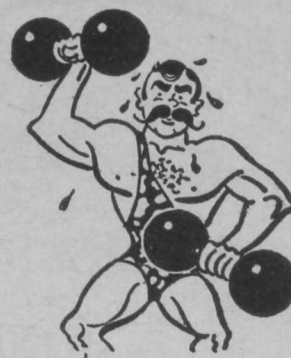
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Caesar and Crassus bitterly watched the red and gold tableau wagons, drawn by elephants and mules; the centurions, followed by their companies of foot soldiers; the scores of horses and horsemen; chariots, performers and animals. It was colossal! The people of Rome loved it!

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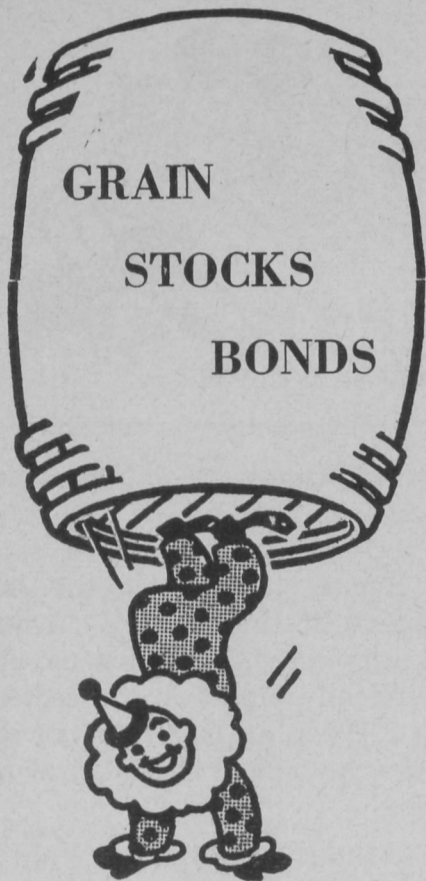


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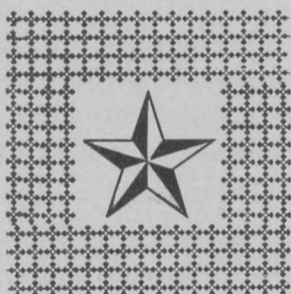
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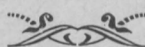
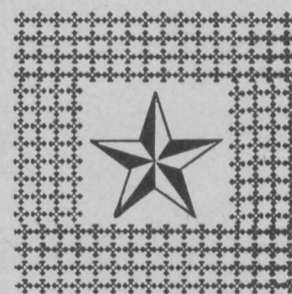
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The great Roman general and leader succeeded in entertaining the people in 51 B.C. He had their support as long as he gave the free shows and the free bread, but he did not succeed in subduing Ceasar. Jealousy was strong between the two men. A battle followed in which Pompey proved to have more troops, but Caesar was the smarter general. In 48 B.C., 3 years after this colossal circus, Pompey was defeated and fled to Egypt, where he was murdered by one of the same centurions who had marched in the first circus parade with him!

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Gratefully and sincerely yours.

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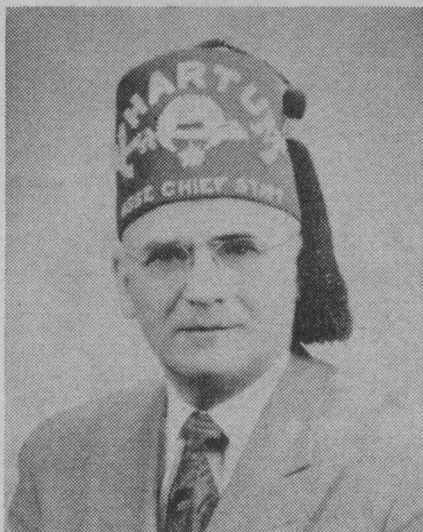
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Orrin Davenport comes from a truly great circus family, strictly American in origin and career. His father, John Davenport, was a talking-singing clown in the 1860's and 1870's, also a trainer of horses and riders. In his circular ringbarns in Chicago and Toledo the greatest equestrians of yesterday were trained.

Orrin is one of five children, all of whom were top bareback riders of their day. He went on the road when he was 15 and was bouncing on and off giant Percherons as clown-rider for the next 35 years.

Orrin Davenport is a member of Medinah Temple, Chicago, Illinois.



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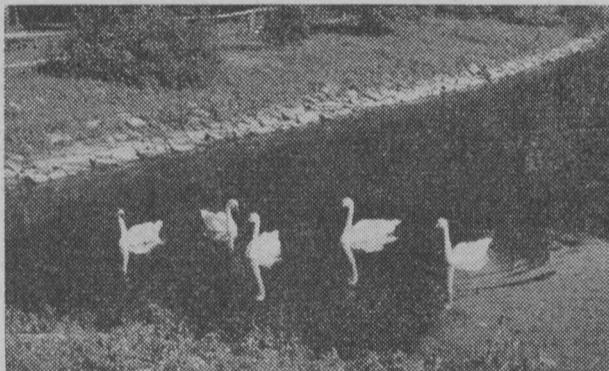


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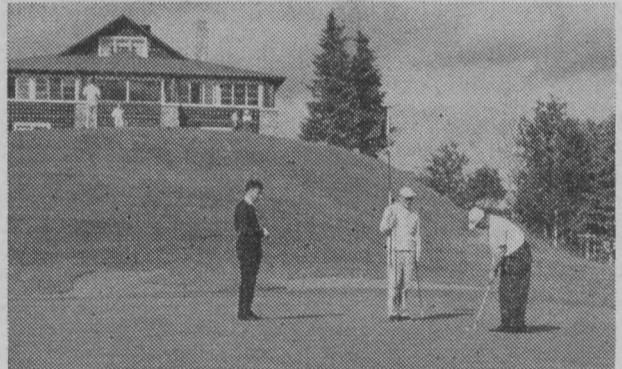


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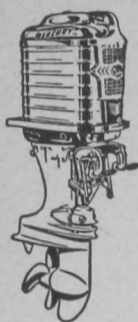
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Slayton, a native New Yorker, attended New York University before going into the army. During the war, because he had had considerable experience in amateur and semi-professional dramatics, stage production, and radio announcing, he was assigned to an entertainment unit behind the lines. Before long he was managing camp shows for the army recreational services and when the war ended he remained, for a time, in West Ger-

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While announcing the "Big Show" in Madison Square Garden in 1954, Dick was offered a network announcer's berth with Columbia Broadcasting System after a talent scout had heard him over the vast public address system in the Garden. At first he had considered accepting the lucrative assignment, but with his love for the circus and the clean, inspired entertainment it represents, he finally declined the radio offer in favor of the star spangled and sawdust trail.

You'll be hearing more of Richard Slayton as time goes on because he is definitely an up and coming young man with the unique talent for timing a show perfectly to the precise second allowed for the presentation of each act.

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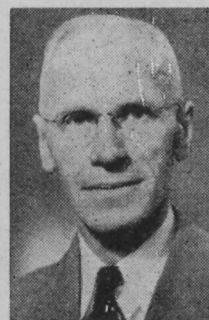
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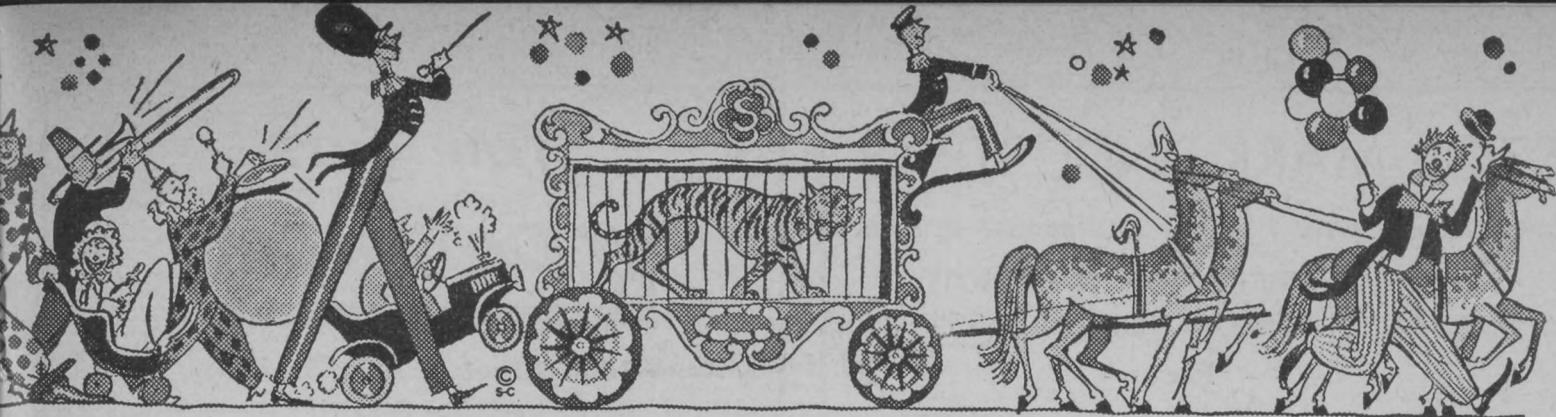
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Clowns pranced in and out and around the parade ranks, turning handsprings and cartwheels, and generally amusing the spectators. There was usually a clown band in their own gilded and decorated band wagon, drawn by teams of zebras, camels or giraffes. Then came the wild west riders, whooping it up and shooting off plenty of blank cartridges, roping pretty girls and old ladies who lined the parade route.

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Television, which has dealt a body blow to the outdoor circus, has meant a bonanza for the circus clown.

Witness Mr. Ernie "Blinko" Burch, who winters with the indoor Shrine Circus, then spends the rest of the year doing television commercials, personal appearances in department stores, and playing fairs and expositions.

Blinko used to spend summers with Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey, but that institution is, momentarily at least, out of action.

This fall Blinko will be doing personal appearances for toy companies, making television spot appearances where possible. Eventually he hopes to work into a television show of his own — sort of a clown Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts thing where the kids bring in the talent.

Clowns, of course, love television because of the money and quick fame. Short appearances between circus performances net the baggy pants men far more than they were ever used to. "The clowns are coming into their own through television," says Blinko.

Working for the cameraman instead of a live audience can be tough, but the clowns always manage to force themselves into the spirit.

Aside from the commercial activities, Blinko also is working more with crippled and sick children, doing hospital shows, telethons, and radio plugs. Last Fall he appeared on a cerebral palsy telethon emceed by Dennis James, and did a show in Newark, N.J. (his home town) which netted over \$7,000 for the cause. Blinko's tour ends in Edmonton, Alberta, on June 2nd, after which he hopes to appear in "Toby Tyler of the Circus," a Hollywood production planned by Walt Disney.

Also, Blinko has been working for three years on an autobiographical novel which he'd love to have Burt Lancaster play (and buy) on the screen. Blinko helped promote "Trapeze" a Lancaster movie about a circus, last year. Although he's in his early 30's, Blinko has a long circus career since he started clowning professionally at 15, with his parents' consent, he added.

That's the age when most youngsters lose interests in clowns, Blinko said. From 2-6 years, the children love the circus funnymen. From 7 to 15 years, the children are getting curious about the makeup and costumes, becoming skeptical. After they reach 15 years of age, the young people are too blase for clowns — until they have children of their own.

Despite the more lucrative returns from television, Blinko still craves the live circus audience. He, for one, thinks Ringling Bros. will be back, perhaps a little smaller, but very much alive.



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"There we was without pup tents in all the goo with a First of May yelling like a grave digger and a kinker wanting to bet a yard against a dukie that a gaffer was responsible. I tell you it was noisier than a hooligan. Got us up in a tunnel. And no one could find the shanty."

The argot of the circus has one inviolable rule: Never call a thing by its right name if you can help it. The word for a railroad in iron horse slang is "circus," but in circus language a circus is not a railroad."

Thus, Joeys are always clowns and a canvas opera is, of course, the circus under tent as opposed

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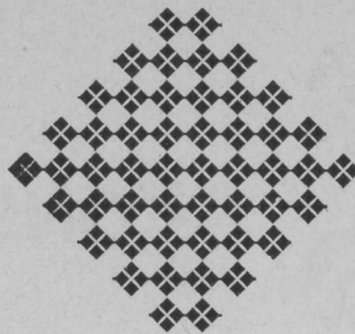


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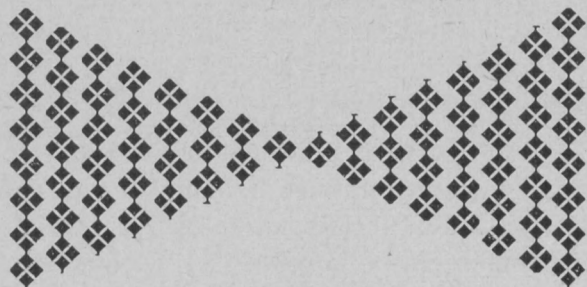


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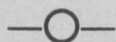
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to a **hall opera**, a show housed in a building or other permanent structure. **Pup tents** are overshoes, good friends when you're stuck in the mud (**goo**). A **First of May**, or **forty miler** is a neophyte or first seasoner with the circus. A **grave-digger** is a hyena. **Kinker** refers to a performer in the **big top** (main tent). A **yard** is \$100, while a **dukie** is a box lunch passed out enroute. The big boss is known as the **gaffer**, and the quarters occupied by the Wild West contingent are the **holligan**. You can **get up in a tunnel** without going underground because it means arising before daybreak. The **shanty** — probably derived from "chandelier" — is the electrician.

Circus argot is old indeed, and while its first cousin, slang, changes from decade to decade, the language of "the greatest show on earth" rolls along jauntily in colorful parade, stretching from century to century. Many of its words now in use were heard back in 1785 when the first circus made its appearance in America.

Although it had a few strange animals it had no **bulls** (elephants of both sexes) until three years later when a lone **rubber mule** (less popular term for "elephant") was brought to America. For a long time then the ostrich has been the **big turkey**; horses, hay

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The “patter” of the circus folk is like secret languages in that it was created — no one knows how long ago — to keep confidences among the initiated, giving them a feeling of security and fraternity. But many circus performers resent the term “slang” applied to their argot. It is their professional language, if you please, just as cowboys, lumber men, trainmen, vaudeville actors, newspapermen, broadcasters, college students, sailors, soldiers, and more recently Wacs and Waves, have singular expressions, growing out of their vocations.

But circus lingo has no peer as far as wealth of vocabulary goes, unless it is the flash language of the underworld. This latter, as a matter of fact, has some words in common with circus lingo. For example: **Bennie** (overcoat), **Keester** (suitcase), **reader** (license), and the like. Then, too, an occasional word from the circus lot spills over into the slang of the man of the street, such as **mutt** for dog; **bluebird**, symbol of happiness.

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More interesting are the alliterations. A **cookie cutter** never looks upon dough; it is a policeman's star or a detective's badge. The soft drink stand is the **juice joint**. Your meals are cooked in **crumb castle**. **Lot lice** are a low form of life, being those abhorrent, stingy, lily-livered wights who loaf around without buying tickets for the show. **Cake cutters** practice the ancient art of short changing you, and a riot distress call is "**Hey, Rubel!**"

Proper nouns serve many a useful purpose, too. **John Law** is the village constable or any other representative of law and order. An **Annie Oakley** is a pass to the main event. Passes are usually punched tickets and Annie Oakley was the famous target shooter whose favorite trick was to shoot holes in playing cards at fabulously numbered paces.

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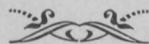
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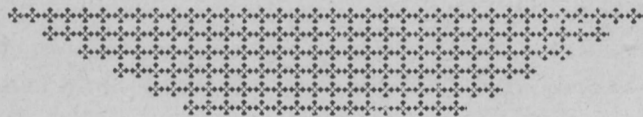
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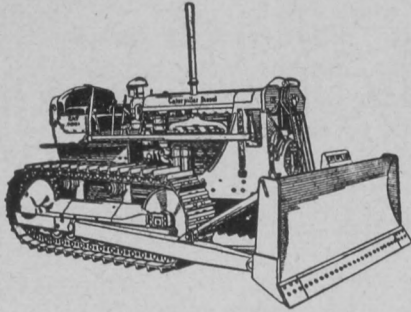
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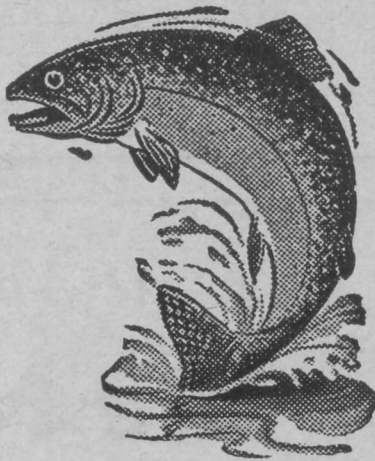
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## The Origin of the Fez

When the Shrine was founded in North America in 1872, one of the outstanding features was the wearing of the fez, which up to that time was practically unknown outside Zouave regiments. It was adopted by the founders as the proper headgear for the representatives of the Mystic Shrine.

The Fez we Nobles of the Shrine have the honor and privilege of wearing has been handed down to us through the ages. The Red or Scarlet Fez which is the official headwear of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine derives its name from the original place of its manufacture, the Holy City of Fez, in Morocco and dates back to the year about 980 A.D.

In that day the City of Fez was the seat of learning, drawing pupils and scholars from all parts of the world.

The City, besides being a holy one, was also the center of manufacturing, which includes silks, sashes, carpets, leathers and headdresses which were known as fezzes, so named from the Holy City of Fez.

Originally the fez was the badge of a student in

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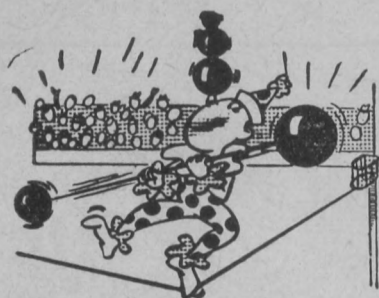
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the divinity school at Fez, having its origin in Africa rather than in Asia. The school was, of course, devoted to the study of Islam, and as the students spread through the Moslem countries they carried the fez with them until it became the symbol of the faith of Mohammed, and it was highly standardized, the tassel being exactly fourteen inches long.

The Fez was dyed red or scarlet as a mark of learning in favor of the wearer, and only the highest dignitaries were permitted to wear the red hat or Fez.

In the military service the fez had a flattened crown and was stiffened, either with the addition of more material, or the felt was tightly applied to a straw foundation. Those not in the army wore the rounded crown familiar to the Shrine, while those of a lesser rank wore a pointed crown.

A few of the elaborate military fezzes have been brought from the East by travelers. At one time Hassan Ben Ali gave away an entire case of fezzes which he had imported for his acrobatic troupes.

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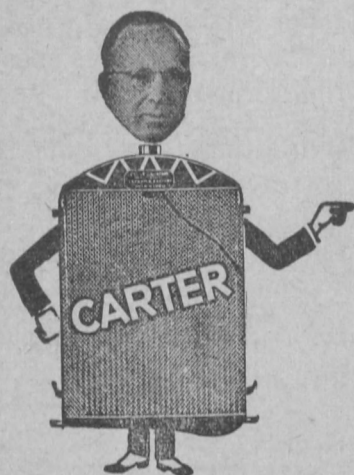
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the sun than the straw hat, and was supposed to ward off sunstroke.

The Shrine virtually brought the fez to America, and the success of the Order was such that it was largely copied by other organizations, and they all seemed to think that the fez was an essential part of the idea.

There was a time when the white fez with the emblem worked in red was supposed to be the proper thing for the women relatives of Shriners. The idea dated back to the old days of the burlesque Order of Isis, with its fantastic initiation, and every woman wore the white fez to show that she belonged. Our Imperial Shrine Council discourages these side degrees and the white fez has gradually disappeared, though you will see one now and then.

Today if we wanted to be strictly Arabic up to date, we should discard the gaudy red cap in favor of the hard-boiled "bowler," also known as derby.

Over in the near East the young Turks have risen in revolt against everything, including the fez, and have adopted the stiff and uncomfortable black derby as the proper headgear, and the fez factories are closing down because of lack of business and

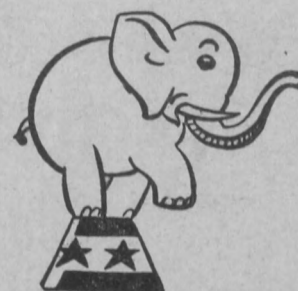
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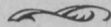




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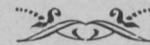


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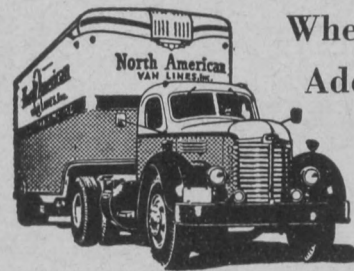
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The Turks and Arabs have discarded their baggy bloomers, etc., and are making themselves properly uncomfortable, but so long as the Shrine shall endure the black tassel will hang from its peak of crimson to testify that the Prophet (his name be blessed), is not without honor save in his own country.

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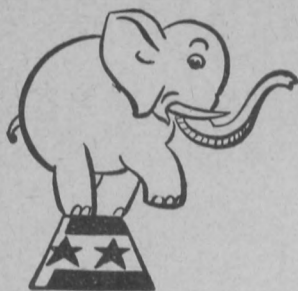


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Barnum wanted some animals — big ones! He had advertised his freaks and his scientific “wonders.” Now he wanted menagerie features like camels, ostriches, elephants, big things. An agent saw Jumbo, an elephant, in the London Zoological Society. He cabled the news to Barnum; Barnum cabled him to buy and the transaction was completed and announced in the London newspapers. Ordinarily, the incident would have closed there.

The Directors of the Zoological Society were happy, because they had made a good bargain of \$30,000.00 for the unmanageable, hostile, perhaps dangerous African elephant; Barnum was happy because he had the biggest elephant in the world, eleven feet six inches tall, weighing six and one half tons; but Jumbo was very unhappy and had no intention of moving from his comfortable home!

He made an immediate bid for fame (beside his size) by simply flopping to the ground and refusing to enter the carefully constructed and padded cage, which would take him on his journey. No amount

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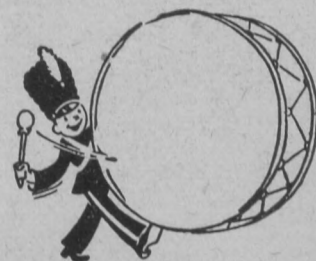
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A clever press agent smelled a good story, never realizing how very good it was! He and several "wise" friends, knowing that the deal was unconditionally closed, appealed to the children of London, who loved Jumbo, to protest his forceful removal. Jumbo loved them too much to leave. Why not circulate petitions in the city, asking that Jumbo be allowed to stay. The children took the petitions home; the parents entered the picture; the newspapers wrote articles on their front pages about the mistreatment of Jumbo and the heartbreak of the children; the Humane Society condemned the hard-hearted circus men, who were tearing the lovable animal away from the only home he knew; the cables carried the troubles of Jumbo to a listening world; Queen Victoria mourned with the children and the elephant; the repeated assertions of the Zoological Society fell on deaf ears — that they had sold the animal because he was unmanageable and unsafe as a pet, for such is the case with African elephants.

When London was in a ferment about it all, the press agent and his friends who had so calmly stared all the excitement, took stock. Up to that time, figured coldly in news-space rates, the Jumbo uproar had brought them about a half million dollars in advertising. The peak was reached! it was time to retreat. They would take to the ship with Jumbo as they had originally planned! Barnum had changed

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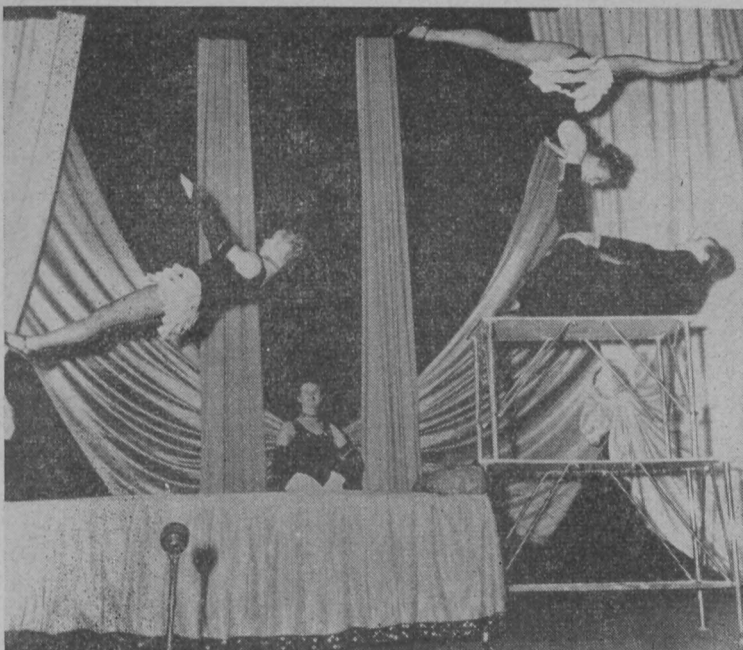
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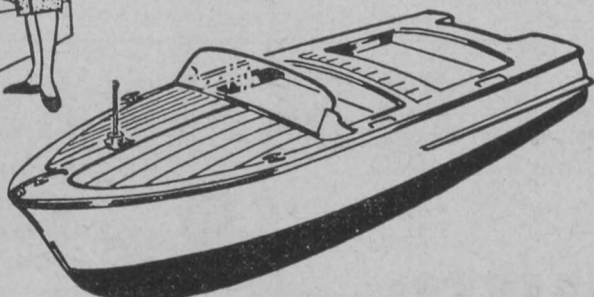
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all his earlier printed matter, bearing the earlier selected name "Mastodon, the World's Biggest Elephant" to "Jumbo the Great," which by now had become a household word in America.

There was still that problem of getting Jumbo into the cage. Oddly enough, the circus men moved his food from its usual place in the yard to the shipping cage. Jumbo calmly raised himself when he got hungry and walked in, which is what the press agent figured he would do, in the first place.

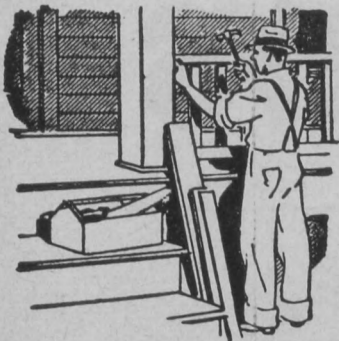
The cables rang with the success of moving Jumbo before international complications and bloodshed resulted! Upon arrival in America, police reserves were called out to take care of the crowds who waited for the Biggest Elephant in the World.

Today Jumbo, is a word connected with anything big. It is an accepted part of our language and of our national advertising — and the result of a press agent's idea of using a good break and a good name. Many elephants, true or otherwise, are called Jumbo by the layman.

Oh, yes, — was this African pachyderm really stubborn, unmanageable, dangerous? To a degree, he was, but Barnum didn't have much trouble from him and it certainly made him more famous.

Stranger than all, Jumbo died a hero! He pushed a baby elephant off the railroad track at a grade crossing, and Jumbo was killed by the train.

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☐ They should hold their tails up in the air?  
☐ They should pick up the tail of the elephant in front of them?
2. In circus language the name Annie Oakley means:  
☐ A girl aerialist. ☐ A free circus pass.
3. Which one of the following is the principal ingredient used in a clown's make-up?  
☐ Cold cream. ☐ Lanolin. ☐ Zinc oxide.
4. The term "iron jaw" is often heard around a circus. It means:  
☐ Tricks performed by aerialists while hanging by their teeth?  
☐ A strong iron clamp for holding circus guy lines in places?
5. How many muscles are in an elephant's trunk?  
☐ Approximately 5,000. ☐ Approx. 10,000. Approx. 40,000.
6. In circus language the clowns are called:  
☐ Jesters. ☐ Joeys. ☐ Jockeys.
7. Which animal can't make any sounds from its throat because it hasn't any vocal cords?  
☐ Giraffe. ☐ Kangaroo. ☐ Monkey.
8. An elephant's skin is:  
☐ Thin. ☐ Thick.
9. You have seen giraffes at the circus. If not, look at a picture of one and then check the right answer below:  
☐ A giraffe's front legs are about twice as long as its rear legs.  
☐ A giraffe's front legs are the same length as its rear legs.
10. Which of the following American cities has had a circus every year since 1793?  
☐ Kansas City. ☐ New York. ☐ Denver.
11. Polar bears have hair on the bottom of their feet to:  
☐ Keep their feet warm on the ice.  
☐ Keep them from slipping on the ice.
12. Elephants born in Asia (Indian elephants) have five toes on each foot. Elephants born in Africa (African elephants) have four toes on each foot. Check whether or not you think this statement is true or false.  
☐ True. ☐ False.

(Answers on Next Page)



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On March 16th, members of the Shrine in Winnipeg and Western Canada celebrated an important anniversary. Thirty years ago, the little Mobile Unit of the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children was opened in Winnipeg. This date marked an important milestone in the Shrine history of Western Canada, and from that date to the present, Shrinedom has never looked back.

On that March day in 1925 an important page in our history was turned. It marked the happy conclusion to a persistent battle waged by a gallant little band of Khartum Shriners who pleaded with the Board of Trustees for permission to open a Shriners Hospital in Winnipeg.

The Mobile Unit, consisting of twenty beds, was opened at the Children's Hospital on Redwood Avenue. A short time later permission was given for the construction by the Shriners of a new wing to the Hospital to take care of more children than the original space permitted. This wing served its purpose for a great many years.

In 1944 there were discussions at Temple Meetings that the time had come for a permanent hospital of our own to carry on the work in aid of crippled children. First record on the Hospital Minutes was early that year when Potentate Arthur Lush brought the matter to the attention of Board Members. The Board of Trustees hesitated for a while until they were satisfied that substantial funds could be raised and a large hospital could be maintained. Khartum Temple provided this

assurance and there was much joy when the word was received from the Trustees giving their approval during the latter part of 1945.

On August 24th, 1945, the Imperial Potentate, George H. Rowe visited Winnipeg and participated in a tremendous Shrine gathering on Wellington Crescent. Potentate Emerson J. Heaney handed the Imperial Sir a shovel and asked him to turn the first sod. On August 16th, 1947, the veteran Chairman of the local Board of Governors had the happiest day of his life when, with a heart overflowing with thankfulness and gratitude, he laid the cornerstone for the new Hospital.

On March 29th, Potentate Fred W. Parrish welcomed Imperial Potentate Harold Lloyd to Winnipeg and our distinguished visitor officially dedicated our new Hospital at a magnificent ceremony. His words still ring in our ears: "I dedicate this Hospital to the Glory of God and to the healing of this and future generations of Crippled Children. May this edifice long be preserved as a monument to the energy and liberality of its founders and may the great Architect of the Universe protect, heal and bless the little children who pass through its portals."

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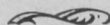
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1. They should pick up the tail of the elephant in front of them.
2. A free circus pass.
3. Zinc oxide.
4. Tricks performed by an aerialist while hanging by their teeth.
5. Approximately 40,000 muscles.
6. Joeys.
7. The Giraffe.
8. Thick.
9. A giraffe's front legs are the same length as its rear legs.
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11. To keep them from slipping on the ice.
12. False.

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Victor Julian, a little Englishman with a warm British accent, friendly personality and tiny mustache, was born in Maidstone, Kent, England, where his grandfather operated the European famed Julian Circus.

Although grandpappy Julian had Victor and his eight brothers and a sister doing bareback riding, trapeze work, and performing on the high-wire at a

very early age, Victor was more interested in animals, particularly dogs.

He ventured into dog training with his one pet dog and a monkey that belonged to the circus. He became so proficient at it that he was encouraged to add more dogs to his act and as the act became perfected he was a feature of his grandfather's circus. Later, striking out on his own without family ties he built the act up with more dogs until today he has 22 terriers, poodles, and pekinese and two Indian monkeys doing intricate dance routines that even Fred Astaire would be proud of.

The dogs are all female because Julian claims the females get along better with each other and show much less temperament than do the male dogs while performing their routines.

Being an impeccable dresser himself, Victor knows the value of good appearance and stylish clothes, so early in his career he hired a well known fashion designer to outfit his canine dancing stars and today the 22 dogs and 2 monkeys boast over 150 beautiful, high-fashion costumes.

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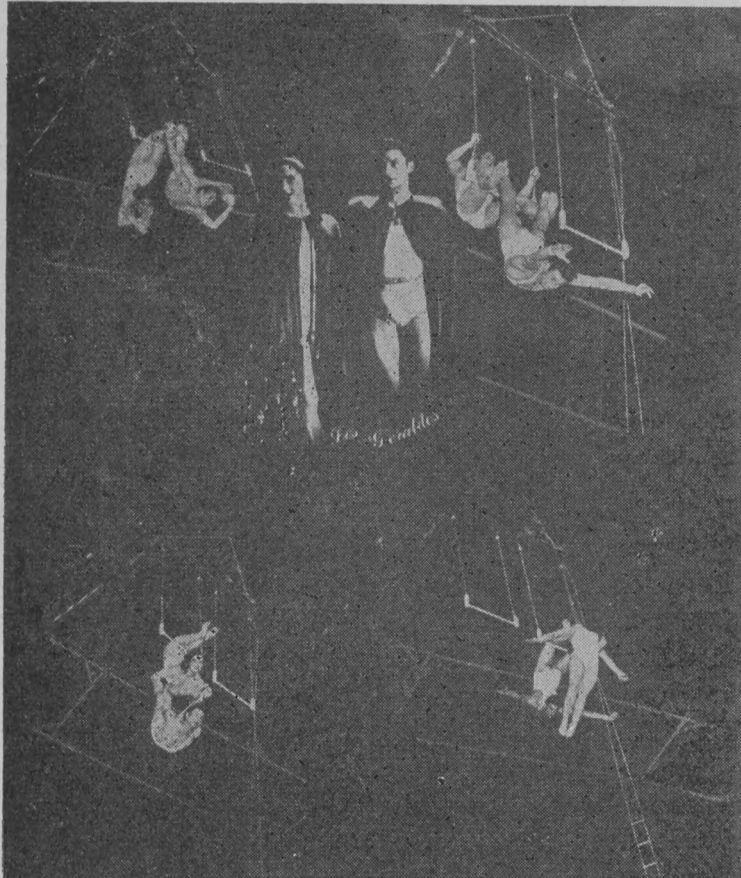
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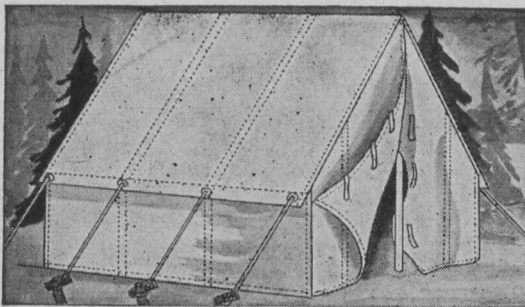
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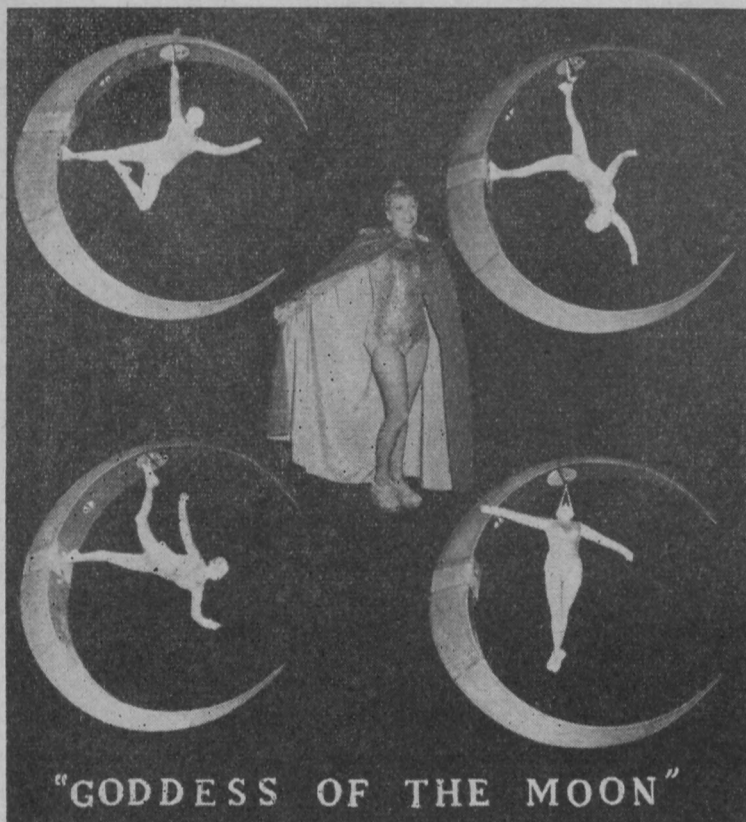
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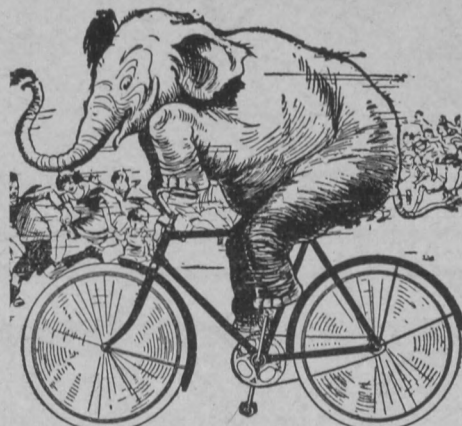
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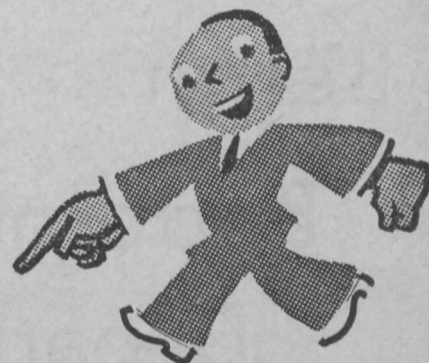
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Orrin Davenport comes from a great circus family, strictly American in origin and career. His father was a talking-singing Clown in the 1860's and 1870's and was also a trainer of horses and riders at his circular ring barns in Chicago and Toledo, Ohio. Orrin is one of five children, all of whom were top bareback riders of their own day. He first went on the road as a seasoned rider at the age of 15 years. He is now a member of Medinah Temple in Chicago.

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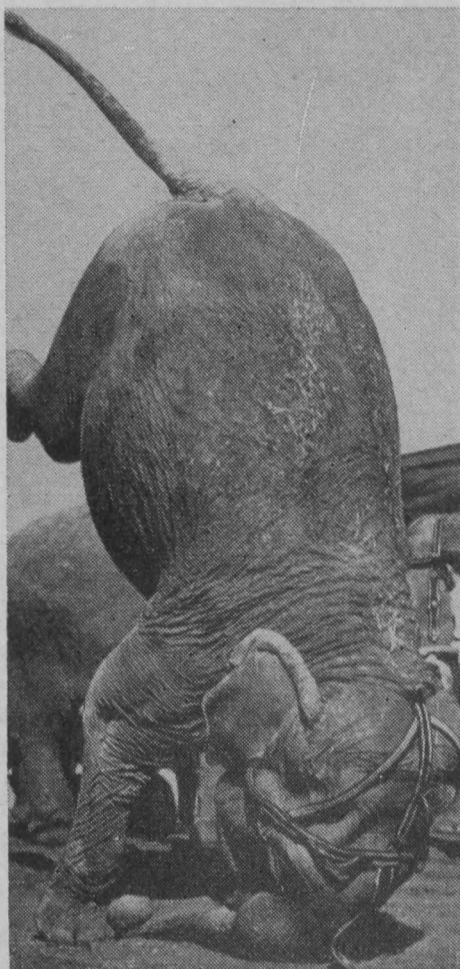
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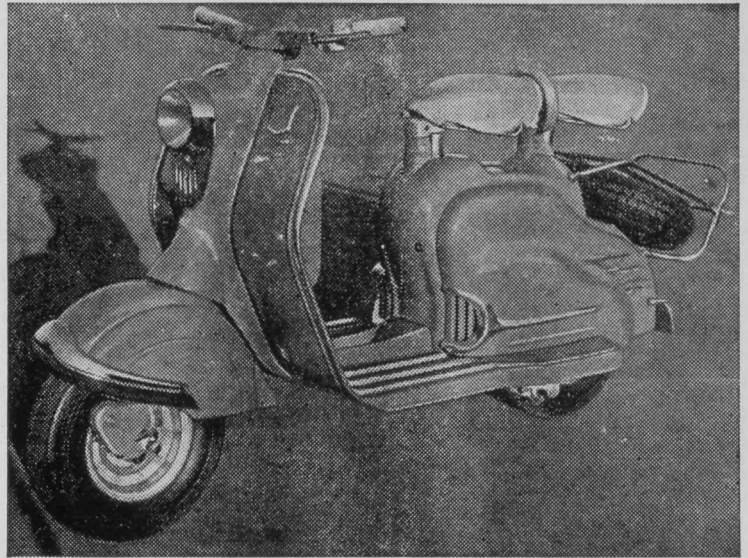
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